



PATENT CASE: CN01365K

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: **Anandan Palani et al.** :
: For Patent: **MCH Antagonists and Their** :
: **Use in the Treatment of Obesity** :
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Serial No.: **09/995,949** :
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on March 19, 2003, for the above-identified application, applicants respond as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice to applicant's rights to file a divisional application on the cancelled subject matter. Claims 1 2, 4 and 11 have been amended; applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the subject matter deleted from amended claims 1-4 and 11. No new subject matter has been added to the subject application.

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula:

